

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully provide a listing of related issued U.S. Patents and pending U.S. Applications for consideration by the Examiner.

| <u>Application No.</u> | <u>Filing date</u> | <u>Other Information</u>   |
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| 08/095,698             | 07/22/93           | U. S. Patent No. 5,362,442 |
| 08/573,149             | 12/15/95           | U. S. Patent No. 6,171,549 |
| 09/533,547             | 03/23/00           | Pending                    |
| 09/570,929             | 05/15/00           | U. S. Patent No. 6,346,216 |
| 09/880,052             | 06/14/01           | U. S. Patent No. 6,696,060 |
| 09/925,619             | 08/10/01           | Pending                    |
| 09/925,620             | 08/10/01           | U. S. Patent No. 6,946,098 |
| 09/942,938             | 08/31/01           | U. S. Patent No. 6,749,851 |
| 09/942,941             | 08/31/01           | Pending                    |
| 09/960,703             | 09/24/01           | Pending                    |
| 09/960,704             | 09/24/01           | U. S. Patent No. 6,783,968 |
| 09/973,958             | 10/11/01           | Pending                    |
| 09/985,606             | 11/05/01           | U. S. Patent No. 6,635,222 |
| 10/060,208             | 02/01/02           | Pending                    |
| 10/133,631             | 04/29/02           | Pending                    |
| 10/361,002             | 02/10/03           | Pending                    |
| 10/361,004             | 02/10/03           | Pending                    |
| 10/379,789             | 03/06/03           | Pending                    |
| 10/460,654             | 06/13/03           | Pending                    |
| 10/672,068             | 09/29/03           | Pending                    |
| 10/694,734             | 10/29/03           | Pending                    |
| 10/695,251             | 10/29/03           | Pending                    |
| 10/840,414             | 05/07/04           | Pending                    |
| 10/969,182             | 10/21/04           | Pending                    |
| 11/116,176             | 04/28/05           | Pending                    |

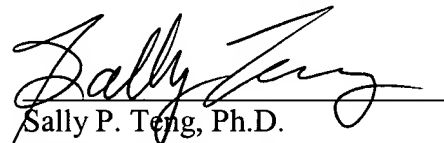
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| 11/252,618             | 10/19/05           | Pending                  |
| 11/327,365             | 01/09/06           | Pending                  |

Conclusion

The foregoing remarks are being made to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. A favorable action is awaited. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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